SUBJECT No. 267.

Appointments to Sanskrit Pandits.

Mr. Akkarakanni Ramanujachar, Vedantavidvan, (Melkote) Sri Yadugiri Sadananda Vardhini Sabha.

*Summary of discussion.*—The students in the Sanskrit Colleges of Bangalore, Mysore and Melkote pass the Pandits' Examination after a hard study of many years in studying Sastras. They are rewarded in the presence of His Highness the Maharaja. They feel shy to take up appointments in departments other than Education and that too on a small pay and they are therefore left without any employment. This is the main cause for the backward condition of the Sanskrit learning in the State. It is therefore requested that these qualified Pandits may be appointed to all vacancies of Rs 15 and upwards in the Sanskrit branch of the Education Department, and also in the Muzrai Department, thereby giving dignity to such posts.

*Reply of Government.*—This is under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 268.

Extension of the course for Pandits' Examination.

Mr. Rangachar, T.-Narsipur.

*Summary of discussion.*—As the subjects for the Pandits' Examination are many and hard, it is prayed that the course prescribed for it may be extended from two to three years as in the case of the Moulvi Examination.

*Reply of Government.*—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 269.

Appointment of candidates who have passed the Pandits' Examination as Hobli School Inspectors.

Mr. Rangachar, T.-Narsipur Taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—Kannada Schools and the different standard examinations in Kannada have been introduced with the object of reviving the Kannada language. The appointment of Hobli School Inspectors may therefore, it is prayed, be filled from among the candidates who have passed the Pandits' Examination as an encouragement. These Pandits, who understand the Kannada language better than the graduates now appointed, are more efficient in raising the standard of the language to a higher level. It is further prayed that candidates who have passed the Upper Secondary and Revenue Examinations in the Kannada language may be appointed in the Revenue Department as shekdars, etc.

*Reply of Government.*—This cannot be done for the present.

SUBJECT No. 270.

Amarakosa to be taught in Taluk and Hobli Schools.

Messrs. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B.A., LL.B., Shimoga Municipality; Baji Rao Siudhe, Kankanhalli Taluk; B. Kasavaiengar and Kesavadasiengar, Belur Taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—Amarakosa may be taught in the A.-V. Schools and Kannada Schools. Its study cultivates the memory, enriches the Vocabulary and enables school boys to pronounce difficult words clearly and distinctly. The reason urged for the omission of this book from the curriculum, *viz.*, that it encourages cramming, equally applies to the practice of requiring pupils to mention from memory the Railway stations on a particular line or the Seaports along a particular coast, etc.

*Reply of Government.*—This is an important matter deserving of consideration. Separate orders will issue on the subject.